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## ***Flute Music Embodies Many Cultures*** World Vibration Series Continues with Carlos Nakai Oct. 25

The World Vibration Concert Series will highlight the many styles of flutist Carlos Nakai in concert at 2 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Winchester Cultural Center Theater, 3130 S. McLeod Drive. Nakai, who opened the Winchester Theater in 1995, is a master of the Native American flute but also presents flute music across genres to produce provoking new sounds. Tickets for the concert are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and children ages 12 and younger.

After performing with symphony orchestras, guitarist William Eaton, flutist Paul Horn, composers James DeMars and Phillip Glass, Nakai returns to the Winchester stage. Of Navajo-Ute heritage, Nakai is the world's premiere performers of the Native American flute. Although he recognizes the traditional classical and jazz venue for the solo flute, Nakai also sees the instrument's potential. He founded the ethnic jazz ensemble, the R. Carlos Nakai Quartet, to explore the intersection of ethnic and jazz idioms.

Nakai's musical journey began on the trumpet, but injuries suffered in a car accident permanently ruined his embouchure. His musical interests took a turn when he was given a traditional cedar flute as a gift and was challenged to master it. As an artist, he is an adventurer and risk taker, always giving his musical imagination free reign. His first album, "Changes," was released by Canyon Records in 1983, and since then, he's released more than 35 albums with Canyon Records along with numerous albums and guest appearances on other labels. He has earned two gold records for the only two Native American recordings to earn the recognition.

In addition to his educational workshops and residencies, Nakai has appeared as a soloist throughout the United States, Europe and Japan and performed with more than 15 symphony chamber orchestras. He was a featured by famed choreographer Martha Graham, who used his second album, "Cycles," in her last work "Night Chant." Nakai also contributed music to the films "New World" and "Geronimo."

A Navy veteran, Nakai earned his Master's degree in American Indian Studies from the University of Arizona and was awarded the Arizona Governor's Arts Award in 1992 as well as an honorary doctorate from Northern Arizona University in 1994. In 2005, Nakai was inducted into the Arizona Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame. He also is the co-author of "The Art of the Native American Flute, which is a guide to playing the traditional cedar flute.

Winchester Cultural Center has hosted musicians from all over the world through the World Vibration Concert Series during the last four years. Musicians from Brazil, Ireland, China, Thailand, Mexico and many other countries have brought their distinct rhythms to the Winchester stage. The series continues in November

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with the Scottish music of Desert Sky Pipes and Drums.

Those interested can call 455-7340. Additional information and tickets can be found online at [www.accessclarkcounty.com/parks](http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/parks). Clark County Parks and Recreation also can be found on social networking sites such as Twitter and Facebook by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/l87c4l>.

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Clark County is a dynamic and innovative organization dedicated to providing top-quality service with integrity, respect and accountability. With jurisdiction over the world-famous Las Vegas Strip and covering an area the size of New Jersey, Clark is the nation's 15<sup>th</sup>-largest county and provides extensive regional services to more than 2 million citizens and 44 million visitors a year. Included are the nation's 7<sup>th</sup>-busiest airport, air quality compliance, social services and the state's largest public hospital, University Medical Center. The county also provides municipal services that are traditionally provided by cities to almost 900,000 residents in the unincorporated area. Those include fire protection, roads and other public works, parks and recreation, and planning and development. In 2009, Clark County celebrates a "century of service."

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